

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1186

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to designate the week of September 11, 2004,
as "Firefighters' Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of the State of Tennessee are profoundly grateful to our more than 30,000 firefighters, in 670 full-time and volunteer departments, who are the first called to save lives and treat the injured during catastrophic events; and

WHEREAS, horrific events of the recent past, particularly those of September 11, 2001, have served to reinforce the iconic image citizens of our State and nation already have for the brave men and women serving as firefighters and who have chosen a profession which more than occasionally places them in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, the awareness of our vulnerability as individuals is a reminder of how much we rely upon the expertise of firefighters, tempered as if by the fires of rigorous training and shaped upon the anvil of courage; and

WHEREAS, the heroic actions of the firefighters who protect our communities coupled with their unflinching valor in helping those in need, often at great cost to themselves, have inspired generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause to honor the gallant service of all the firefighters who serve their communities and neighbors with honor and bravery; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate the week of September 11, 2004, as "Firefighters' Week" in Tennessee, in honor of the unwavering service rendered by the valiant and dedicated firefighters throughout this state and our nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.